

RI Department of Attorney General Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor

Job Description

The Department of Attorney General's (the "Department") Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) is an attorney who will provide training and legal assistance in the area of prosecution of traffic safety and impaired driving cases to state and local law enforcement and state prosecutors.

Duties: The TSRP shall

- Assess training needs, develop and provide training programs for prosecutors, law enforcement officers and other traffic safety professionals with an emphasis on the effective prosecution of impaired driving cases.
- To provide technical assistance and legal research to prosecutors on a wide variety of legal issues, including probable cause; Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST); Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program (if applicable in the State); implied consent; breath/blood testing; accusatory instruments; pre-trial procedures; trial practice; and appellate practice.
- Serve as a resource to the Department on impaired driving and other traffic cases.
- Prepare briefs, legal memorandum and other pleadings for use at hearings, trials or on appeal of such cases prosecuted by the Department.
- Train and provide technical assistance to State and local law enforcement in methods of evidence gathering, especially newly emerging technology and trial techniques, that will improve the ability of the Department's prosecutors to effectively prosecute impaired driving cases.
- Prepare a quarterly newsletter on "hot topic" issues of driving safety.
- Serve as a liaison, develop and maintain a rapport and with the State toxicologist and the Certifier of Breath Testing Instruments on techniques used to analyze samples.
- Serve as a member of the Department's DUI Task Force.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Juris Doctorate or equivalent degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association or the Supreme Court of the State.
- Member in good standing of the Rhode Island Bar.
- Some experience in the prosecution of impaired driving cases.
- Knowledge of the NHTSA/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC or DRE) Programs.

Employment:

- The TSRP is an independent contract employee for the RIAG and is not provided employee or workers' compensation benefits by the RIAG. The RIAG, with grant funds from the National Association of Prosecution Coordinators, will pay the TSRP a total of \$37,500 for a one year, 12-month, period.

Supervision:

- The TSRP will report directly to the Criminal Division Deputy Chief – Administration.
- The TSRP will submit weekly timesheets and written monthly reports as provided under the Memorandum of Agreement between the RIAG and NAPC.